# Analyzers Measure Greenhouse Gasses, Airborne Pollutants



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## **NASA Technology**

- As a part of the search for other life in the universe,
   NASA deploys deep-sea sensors on the ocean floor
- The sensors collect water from vent eruptions before returning to the surface, where the water is analyzed
- NASA is looking for ancient life forms that could take hold in a variety of alien environments

## Partnership

- To develop instrumentation capable of precisely measuring carbon in deep sea and deep space environments, NASA partnered with LGR through a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contract
- The resulting innovation enabled a deep-sea carbon isotope analyzer for NASA's Medusa project and now forms the basis for LGR's commercial products



### **Benefits**

- LGR's SBIR-derived technology powers a variety of devices used to measure greenhouse gasses, pollutants, and isotopes
- Lasers measure precise amounts of practically any molecule with an absorption spectrum
- LGR products were used during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to record methane distributions